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Serial No. 10/061,654)
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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Responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application under 37
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1. Transmittal Form;
2. Preliminary Amendment;
3. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application;
4. Corrected set of Drawings to comply with the margin requirements;
5. Declaration;
6. Application Data Sheet;
7. Marked up Filing Receipt;
8. Return postcard evidencing receipt of items.

Upon review of the Filing Receipt, there were some errors detected in the APPLICANTS
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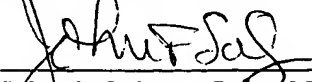
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Applicant's Attorney respectfully submits the above documents. Please proceed to
correct the Filing Receipt and forward a corrected copy to Applicant's Attorney.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Applicant's Attorney.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
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- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

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- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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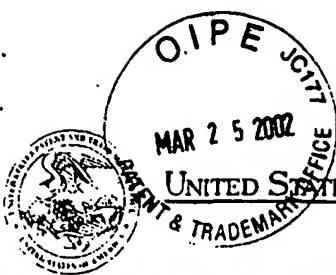
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Title

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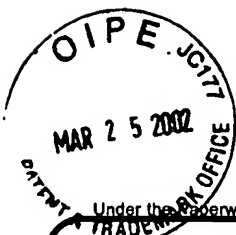
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity | Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 101 | 740 | 201 | 370 | Utility filing fee | |
| 106 | 330 | 206 | 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 510 | 207 | 255 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 740 | 208 | 370 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 160 | 214 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| Total Claims | -20** = | X | |
| Independent Claims | -3** = | X | |
| Multiple Dependent | | | |

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| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 84 | 202 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 280 | 204 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 | 84 | 209 | 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity | Small Entity

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| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | 130.00 |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 400 | 216 | 200 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 920 | 217 | 460 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,440 | 218 | 720 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,960 | 228 | 980 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 320 | 219 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 320 | 220 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 280 | 221 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,280 | 241 | 640 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,280 | 242 | 640 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 460 | 243 | 230 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 620 | 244 | 310 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
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| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

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